**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**
**GROUP ART UNIT 2112**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Title: METHOD FOR THE SCHEDULED EXECUTION OF A TARGET FUNCTION | § | |

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND RCE**
**IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF**
**OCTOBER 12, 2004**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 12, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance. A Request for Continued Examination is included herewith.

Please amend the case as listed below.